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WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE PARAGRAPH PROPOSED BY OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, AS RELAYED BY WAIT IN REFTELECON. THESE ARE NOT INTENDED TO ALTER SUBSTANCE, BUT ARE IMPORTANT FOR ACCURACY AND CORRECT EMPHASIS. PLEASE PASS REVISED PARAGRAPH, READING AS FOLLOWS, TO APPROPRIATE SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL:

"IN THE U.S., CERTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION, SUCH AS THE CLEAN AIR ACT BEING PRESENTLY ENFORCED, ARE BEING AMENDED. ONE RESULT MAY BE TO LENGTHEN THE TRANSITION PERIODS FOR FULL COMPLIANCE. FURTHERMORE, PROPOSED LAWS SUCH AS THE SURFACE MINING ACT HAVE BEEN TRIMMED OR POSTPONED. FACTORS UNDERLYING SUCH CASES ARE COMPLEX, BUT THE HIGHER COST OF ENERGY HAS FIGURED TO A GREATER DEGREE THAN THE ECONOMIC RECESSION." INGERSOLL

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